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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 27, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on December 27, 2005, please enter this response and accompanying request for extension of time and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.